

Biden endorses Stansbury in CD1 race

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President Joe Biden on Tuesday weighed in on the race to fill New Mexico’s vacant seat in the House of Representatives, endorsing fellow Democrat Melanie Stansbury.

The race to represent the 1st Congressional District has drawn national attention, in part because Democrats are holding on to a slim margin of power heading into next year’s election cycle. Democrats have 219 seats in the chamber, Republicans 211. There are five vacant seats, including the Albuquerque-based seat that will be determined in a June 1 special election.

“As a scientist and state legislator that works on land, water and community issues, Melanie Stansbury has fought for New Mexico her entire career,” Biden

said in a statement. “I am proud to endorse Melanie for Congress because I know she has the grit and determination to deliver real results for all New Mexicans.”

The seat is vacant after former Rep. Deb Haaland resigned when she was confirmed as secretary of the interior.

In addition to Biden, Haaland and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., have endorsed Stansbury.

“It is truly an honor to have the support of President Joe Biden. I am running for Congress to work with his administration to invest in the future of New Mexico and center the needs of our people – bringing in jobs, building our infrastructure, and protecting our water and land,” Stansbury said.